



Town of Nags Head

CAMA LAND AND WATER USE PLAN UPDATE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

OCTOBER 27, 2005

Attendance:

The meeting was attended by four members of the Lead Planning Group, the Division of Coastal Management District Planner, and six members of the Town staff.

Agenda:

The meeting addressed the following topics via a PowerPoint presentation (see attached):

- Overview of the Land & Water Use Plan
- Lead Planning Group
- Ways to Participate
- 2000 Plan Summary
- Lead Planning Group preliminary key issues (from October 12 meeting)

Key Issue Input:

At the conclusion of the PowerPoint presentation, input was requested to broaden the list of preliminary key issues. The following issues were mentioned:

- Mixed Use Development:
 - Identify methods to make commercial development more viable
 - Mix of commercial / residential in single developments
- Septic Health
 - Review of innovative systems – analysis of results / identify issues regarding maintenance to determine if the systems are working
- Beach Access
 - Need for additional beach access points
 - Beach erosion has removed access in South Nags Head.
 - Determine methods to manage lost / dead-end streets
- Pedestrian Transportation System
 - Provide more connections between residences, services and recreation opportunities
 - Better linkages may reduce auto trips
 - Less auto trips may reduce congestion

- Stormwater
 - Protection of investment (swales and drainage infrastructure)
 - Addition of no parking signs to keep cars away from swales

Public questionnaire:

A questionnaire was distributed to solicit additional public input regarding key issues. The questionnaire posed the following open-ended questions:

1. What issues are you PERSONALLY concerned about within the Town?
2. What issues should the Town (as a whole) be concerned about?
3. What changes have you seen within the Town in the last Five years? Ten years? 15 to 20 years?
4. What's been good or bad about these changes?

Attendees offered to distribute the questionnaire to neighbors, associates and other Town residents to further solicit input on the plan.

Enhancing outreach:

Attendees were asked to help identify methods to increase public awareness about the LUP update and to solicit greater public input. One option under consideration is including information about the LUP in the Town's bi-monthly water bill.

Next steps:

Attendees were asked to continue to provide input regarding the key issues. Preliminary input on the public opinion survey was also solicited.

- The next Lead Planning Group meeting (open to the public) will tentatively occur in November.
- The next public meeting will occur in early 2006.